



KEVIN O'CONNOR'S



2015 NBA DRAFT GUIDE

KARL-ANTHONY TOWNS



POSITION

CENTER

COLLEGE

KENTUCKY

CLASS

FRESHMAN

HEIGHT

6' 11"

WEIGHT

250

AGE

19.6

PLAYER RANKINGS

OVERALL RANKING

#1

POSITION RANKING

#1

DRAFT PROJECTION

TOP 2

POTENTIAL ROLE

FRANCHISE PLAYER

STATISTICS

POINTS

10.3

REBS

6.7

ASSISTS

1.1

BLOCKS

2.3

STEALS

0.5

TOV

1.4

FG%

56.6

FT%

81.3

MINUTES

21.1

MEASUREMENTS

WINGSPAN

7' 3.25"

STANDING REACH

9' 1"

STANDING VERT

29"

MAX VERTICAL

36.5"

MAX VERT REACH

12' 1.5"

LANE AGILITY

10.66 sec

SHUTTLE RUN

N/A

3/4 SPRINT

3.36 sec

PLAYER NOTES

- +** EXCELLENT SHOT BLOCKER. IDEAL COMBINATION OF TIMING, A LONG WINGSPAN, INSTINCTS, AND POGO-STICK LEAPING ABILITY.
- +** MASSIVE FRAME. WEIGHS 250, CAN GET STRONGER. MOBILE, AGILE. WANTS TO DEFEND. DOESN'T TAKE ATHLETICISM FOR GRANTED.
- +** WILL BE A TERRIFIC P&R DEFENDER. CAN ICE, HEDGE, BLITZ, ETC. HAS LATERAL QUICKS TO SWITCH AND STICK TO SMALL FORWARDS.
- +** AGGRESSIVE, HE MUST CUT DOWN ON FOULS DEFENDING THE POST, USES HIS HANDS TOO MUCH, BUT IT'S NOT A LONG-TERM CONCERN.
- +** RELENTLESS OFFENSIVE REBOUNDER. USES LENGTH AND INSTINCTS, PURSUES OUT OF AREA. HE DOES MISS BLOCKOUTS ON DEFENSE.
- +** PROTOTYPICAL MODERN BIG. EXCELLENT FT% AND JUMPER FORM. HE'LL BE A THREAT FROM MID-RANGE AND DOWNTOWN.
- +** COULD BE DOMINANT IN SCREEN GAME. TIGHT HANDLE FOR HIS SIZE TO GET TO THE HOLE, CAN ALSO POP AND SHOOT OR DRIVE.
- +** COMFORTABLE ON POST WITH A HOOK OVER EITHER SHOULDER. HARD TO BLOCK HIM. ADDED A DROP-STEP, CAN ADD EVEN MORE.
- +** TOWNS WILL BE MOST LETHAL FROM MID AND HIGH-POST DUE TO MOBILITY AND PASSING. FANTASTIC DECISION-MAKER.
- +** VERSATILE. CAN PLAY EITHER BIG POSITION. HIGH IQ. IT'LL BE EASY FOR AN NBA TEAM TO SLOT HIM INTO A FLEXIBLE ROLE.
- GETS INTO FOUL TROUBLE AND FALLS FOR PUMP FAKES. TOO EAGER, LEAVES AREA FOR BLOCKS, LEADS TO MISSED BOX OUTS.
- LIKE MANY YOUNG PLAYERS, CAN LOSE FOCUS ON DEFENSE. JOHN CALIPARI OCCASIONALLY PULLED HIM DUE TO MISSED ROTATIONS.
- PREDICTABLE ON POST. SAVVY DEFENDERS KNOW WHAT'S COMING. MUST ADD TO HIS ARSENAL. GETS CALLED FOR TOO MANY TRAVELS.
- HAS AN ODD TENDENCY TO TAKE AN ELONGATED STEP INTO HIS JUMPER ON CATCH-AND-SHOOTS. BUT IT COULD BE A MINOR FIX.
- GREW UP PLAYING PERIMETER. PULLS BALL DOWN AFTER BOARDS AND CAN GET STRIPPED. HAS TO BATTLE HARDER FOR POSITIONING.

ADVANCED STATS

PER

31.4

AST%

11.6

TOV%

14.2

REB%

18.5

BLK%

11.5

STL%

1.4

eFG%

57.0

TS%

62.7

USAGE

23.7

SUMMARY

Karl-Anthony Towns has All-Star potential and even has an outside chance of developing into a transcendent player due to his massive physical attributes, unique combination of skills, and correctable weaknesses. He is versatile and can be pegged into different situations; teams can use him exclusively on the post, like a center of the past, or stretch him like many modern power forwards. That's what sets him apart from the other top big men.

Towns has elite feel for the game and a high basketball IQ. On offense he can beat you with the pass if you double him and defensively he's only a few years away from becoming a dominant shot blocker. Towns would be in contention for the top draft pick in almost any class, not just this one.

KRISTAPS PORZINGIS



POSITION

POWER FORWARD

SPANISH TEAM

SEVILLA

COUNTRY

LATVIA

HEIGHT

7' 0"

WEIGHT

220

AGE

19.9

PLAYER RANKINGS

OVERALL RANKING

#7

POSITION RANKING

#4

DRAFT PROJECTION

TOP 8

POTENTIAL ROLE

STRETCH FOUR

STATISTICS

POINTS

11.0

REBS

4.6

ASSISTS

0.5

BLOCKS

1.0

STEALS

0.9

TOV

1.4

FG%

49.6

3P%

35.9

MINUTES

21.4

MEASUREMENTS

WINGSPAN

N/A

STANDING REACH

N/A

STANDING VERT

N/A

MAX VERTICAL

N/A

MAX VERT REACH

N/A

LANE AGILITY

N/A

SHUTTLE RUN

N/A

3/4 SPRINT

N/A

PLAYER NOTES

- +** LANKY, BUT HAS A WIDE FRAME & LONG ARMS. WILL BE ABLE TO FILL HIS FRAME. BODY COULD RESEMBLE JOAKIM NOAH IN THE FUTURE.
- +** SEAMLESS MECHANICS OFF THE CATCH. IMPROVED CONSISTENCY SINCE 2014. UNLIMITED RANGE. IMMEDIATE PICK & POP THREAT.
- +** UNIQUE DUE TO EXCELLENT FOOTWORK SHOOTING OFF SCREENS. ABLE TO BALANCE HIS BODY MID-AIR LIKE A GUARD. VERY RARE.
- +** DRIVES CLOSEOUTS WITH AUTHORITY. MUST TIGHTEN DRIBBLE BUT CAN FINISH WITH BOTH LOUD DUNKS AND FINESSE.
- +** WITH AN UNBLOCKABLE SHOT HIS LONG-TERM BREAD-AND-BUTTER OFFENSE COULD BE FROM MID-RANGE, PULLING UP OR FACING UP.
- +** HAS DEVELOPED A HOOK SHOT, TURNAROUND J, AND BANK SHOT. NOT A YEAR ONE THREAT, BUT HE HAS VERY SOFT TOUCH.
- +** USES HIS ATHLETICISM ON OFFENSE. HUSTLES HARD IN TRANSITION. QUICK SECOND JUMP ON O-BOARD CHANCES.
- +** DISPLAYS GREAT SPATIAL AWARENESS AND TIMING BLOCKING SHOTS. CLOSES THE GAP QUICKLY TO CONTEST LAYUPS.
- +** MUST DEVELOP P&R TECHNIQUE, BUT HAS POTENTIAL TO BE A LEGIT RIM PROTECTOR DUE TO LONG WINGSPAN AND SPEED.
- SOMETIMES PLAYS PERIMETER D ON HIS HEELS. EVEN IF HE'S ENGAGED, HE STILL GETS BURNED. ALSO BITES ON PUMP FAKES.
- CAN ADD MUSCLE TO HIS FRAME. CURRENTLY GETS BULLIED DEFENDING THE LOW POST. HE HAS POOR LOWER BODY STRENGTH.
- STRENGTH ALSO HURTS HIM ON THE DEFENSIVE BOARDS. AVOIDS CONTACT AND MISSES BOX OUTS. GETS TOSSED AROUND.
- DOESN'T GET TO THE LINE OFTEN. INCONSISTENT INTENSITY GOING TO THE BASKET. SOMETIMES FADES WHEN HE SHOULD ATTACK.
- OCCASIONALLY MAKES SMOOTH PASSES, BUT THEN FOLLOWS IT UP BY MISSING WIDE-OPEN TEAMMATES. HAS ONLY AVERAGE FEEL.
- MAY NEVER BE A BACK TO THE BASKET SCORER DUE TO HIS MENTAL-MAKEUP AND PREFERENCE TO PLAY ON THE PERIMETER.

ADVANCED STATS

PER

19.6

AST%

5.2

TOV%

13.1

REB%

13.7

BLK%

5.2

STL%

2.3

eFG%

54.7

TS%

58.3

USAGE

24.6

SUMMARY

Kristaps Porzingis brings an ideal blend of skills with his knockdown jumper to space the floor and his long wingspan and athleticism to protect the rim on defense. Few players share these attributes. He has his warts as a low post scorer, but the system he's drafted into will determine his usage there; and as a potential high-end perimeter scorer, he may not need to see time down low.

Porzingis has a thin frame, but playing on an NBA team with a high-quality strength and conditioning staff will do wonders for his body. If he's able to fill his frame, some of his weaknesses like defensive rebounding and low post defense could eventually develop into positives. Porzingis is a risk, but he could be a steal, even in the mid-lottery.

BOBBY PORTIS



POSITION

POWER FORWARD

COLLEGE

ARKANSAS

CLASS

SOPHOMORE

HEIGHT

6' 11"

WEIGHT

246

AGE

20.4

PLAYER RANKINGS

OVERALL RANKING

#13

POSITION RANKING

#7

DRAFT PROJECTION

MID-FIRST

POTENTIAL ROLE

DO-IT-ALL BIG MAN

STATISTICS

POINTS

17.5

REBS

8.9

ASSISTS

1.2

BLOCKS

1.4

STEALS

1.1

TOV

1.6

FG%

53.6

FT%

73.7

MINUTES

29.9

MEASUREMENTS

WINGSPAN

7' 2"

STANDING REACH

9' 0.5"

STANDING VERT

25"

MAX VERTICAL

31.5"

MAX VERT REACH

11' 8"

LANE AGILITY

11.71 sec

SHUTTLE RUN

3.28 sec

3/4 SPRINT

3.56 sec

PLAYER NOTES

- +** NON-STOP MOTOR. MODELS HIS GAME AFTER KEVIN GARNETT & IT SHOWS. LACKS KG'S ATHLETICISM, BUT PLAYS WITH THE PASSION.
- +** HUSTLES. DIVES ON FLOOR FOR LOOSE BALLS. MAKES THE LITTLE PLAYS THAT INSPIRE HIS TEAMMATES. KNACK FOR THE MOMENT.
- +** SWITCHED ON-BALL SCREENS AT ARKANSAS AND HAS EXCELLENT LATERAL QUICKNESS TO STICK TO GUARDS. VALUABLE TOOL IN NBA.
- +** FLUID MOVEMENT. WILL BE GREAT AT HEDGING PICK-AND-ROLLS. RECOVERS QUICKLY TO HIS MAN. AVERAGE "ICE" P&R D UPSIDE.
- +** PESTY LOW POST DEFENDER. MUST ADD STRENGTH, BUT FIGHTS HARD DENYING PASSES. MAKES IT HARD ON THE OPPONENT.
- +** CREATES TRANSITION OPPORTUNITIES WITH HIS DEFENSE. RUNS THE FLOOR LIKE A GAZELLE. GETS AHEAD. FINISHES LOUDLY AT RIM.
- +** GOOD SPOT UP MID-RANGE SHOOTER. COULD EXTEND TO THREE. UTILIZES THE HOP, THOUGH HE HAS A FUNKY "CATAPULT" RELEASE.
- +** HAS FLASHED POTENTIAL DRIVING CLOSEOUTS. DOESN'T TURN THE BALL OVER OFTEN. WOULD BENEFIT FROM EXTENDING HIS RANGE.
- +** RAW LOW POST SCORER, BUT HAS IMPROVED. QUICK SPIN MOVE FROM HIGH POST. HE IS ALSO AN EXCELLENT PASSER FROM POST.
- +** SETS STRONG SCREENS. PROJECTS AS A VERY GOOD SCREEN-GAME THREAT. CAN POP OR ROLL. CREATIVE FINISHER, NOT EXPLOSIVE.
- +** RUTHLESS OFFENSIVE REBOUNDER. READS TRAJECTORY OF THE BALL AND OUT-HUSTLES OPPONENT TO SNATCH IT. 13.6 OREB%
- FINDS HIS MAN ON DEFENSIVE BOXOUTS, BUT LACKS STRENGTH TO HOLD THEM OFF. MUST GET STRONGER. HINDERED BY 25" VERTICAL.
- BATTLES, BUT GETS BACKED DOWN DEFENDING LOW POST. HAS GOOD TECHNIQUE BUT WILL GET BEAT UNTIL HE GETS STRONGER.
- WON'T BE MUCH OF A RIM PROTECTOR DUE TO VERTICAL. CAN CONTEST AND ALTER SHOTS, BUT NOT A PURE SHOT BLOCKER.
- AVERAGE EXPLOSIVENESS LIMITS HIM ON DRIVES AND LOW POST AGAINST NBA LENGTH. LACKS TOUCH WHEN CONTESTED.

ADVANCED STATS

PER

29.5

AST%

8.8

TOV%

9.4

REB%

16.8

BLK%

4.8

STL%

2.1

eFG%

55.2

TS%

58.2

USAGE

26.7

SUMMARY

Bobby Portis will enter the NBA without any skills that stand out -- except for his elite motor. Portis might be limited by his vertical, but he makes up for it with his hustle. He isn't the most skilled scorer, but hits shots and makes plays for himself by creating second chances.

In other words, Portis can be nitpicked forever, but he has few adverse weaknesses that will deter him from having a long career as a role player. When considering the risk involved in young, promising prospects, Portis is on the other side of the fence as a near guarantee to have an efficient career. Portis' best hope in taking his game to the next level will be to become a knockdown three-point shooter, since it'll open up his dribble drive game.

CEDI OSMAN



POSITION

POINT FORWARD

TURKISH TEAM

ANADOLU EFES

COUNTRY

MACEDONIA

HEIGHT

6' 8"

WEIGHT

190

AGE

20.2

PLAYER RANKINGS

OVERALL RANKING

#43

POSITION RANKING

#12

DRAFT PROJECTION

EARLY SECOND

POTENTIAL ROLE

SWISS ARMY KNIFE

STATISTICS

POINTS

7.7

REBS

4.0

ASSISTS

1.0

BLOCKS

0.3

STEALS

0.9

TOV

0.9

FG%

42.2

3P%

33.8

MINUTES

20.3

MEASUREMENTS

WINGSPAN

N/A

STANDING REACH

N/A

STANDING VERT

N/A

MAX VERTICAL

N/A

MAX VERT REACH

N/A

LANE AGILITY

N/A

SHUTTLE RUN

N/A

3/4 SPRINT

N/A

PLAYER NOTES

+	PUSHES THE BALL IN TRANSITION. NON-STOP BUNDLE OF ENERGY. PLAYS HARD ON EVERY OFFENSIVE POSSESSION.
+	IMPROVING SHOOTER. HAS GOOD TOUCH. NEEDS TO MAKE SOME FUNDAMENTAL ADJUSTMENTS TO FIND CONSISTENCY.
+	VERY QUICK AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING CLOSEOUTS. ALREADY ON THE MOVE AS HE CATCHES IT. USES SPIN MOVES.
+	HAS GOOD TOUCH ON HIS FLOATER. WON'T ALWAYS GET TO THE RIM, SO HE'D BENEFIT IF HE CAN TURN IT INTO A WEAPON.
+	GOOD PICK-AND-ROLL POTENTIAL. NEEDS TO LEARN HOW TO CHANGE SPEEDS, BUT CLEARLY HAS GOOD INSTINCTS.
+	KNOWS HOW TO FACILITATE OFFENSE. PUTS ZIP ON HIS PASSES AND DELIVERS THEM ACCURATELY. CAN DRIVE AND KICK.
+	DOESN'T HAVE PURE POINT POTENTIAL, BUT CAN BE USED IN DIFFERENT ROLES ON OFFENSE. VERSATILITY IS A BONUS.
+	COMPETES HARD ON THE BOARDS. KEEPS PLAYS ALIVE ON OFFENSE. BOXES OUT ON DEFENSE. SHOWS GOOD TOUGHNESS.
+	PLAYS HARD ON DEFENSE. LATERAL QUICKNESS IS SOLID. HIS UPSIDE ON D IS LIMITED, BUT HE IS VERSATILE.
-	BALL WATCHES AND TAKES RISKS ON HIS HELP DEFENSE, PUTS HIM OUT OF POSITION AND FORCES HIM INTO WILD CLOSEOUTS.
-	SUBPAR P&R DEFENDER. GETS SCREENED TOO EASILY. WILL LIKELY HAVE TROUBLE STAYING IN FRONT OF GUARDS.
-	COULD HAVE TROUBLE DEFENDING A POSITION. DOESN'T HAVE THE FRAME TO HANDLE WINGS, NOT QUICK ENOUGH FOR GUARDS.
-	HOLDS THE BALL TOO FAR AWAY FROM HIS BODY ON SPOT UP JUMPERS. HAS INCONSISTENT FOOTWORK ON HIS LANDING.
-	STRUGGLES SHOOTING OFF THE DRIBBLE. RIGID MECHANICS. HAS TROUBLE CREATING SPACE TO SHOOT COMFORTABLY.
-	CAN PLAY TOO FAST FOR HIS OWN GOOD. LEAVES HIS FEET ON DRIVES. HIS HIGH DRIBBLE MAKES HIM PRONE TO GETTING RIPPED.

ADVANCED STATS

PER

14.0

AST%

8.7

TOV%

11.3

REB%

12.2

BLK%

1.6

STL%

2.4

eFG%

49.0

TS%

53.2

USAGE

19.5

SUMMARY

In only 20 minutes per game, Cedi Osman expends more energy than some players might in over 30. Osman plays hard on every possession in all three phases of the game: offense, defense, and transition. He always seems to be around the ball on the boards and his positional versatility is of great value to NBA teams.

The concern regarding Osman boils down to exactly how translatable his skills are, especially on defense. He might play with energy, but he's a bit of a tweener. Depending on how his body develops, he might not be quick enough to defend guards or strong enough to defend wings. Either way, few players expound that level of effort, so he should be able to carve out some type of role off a bench.

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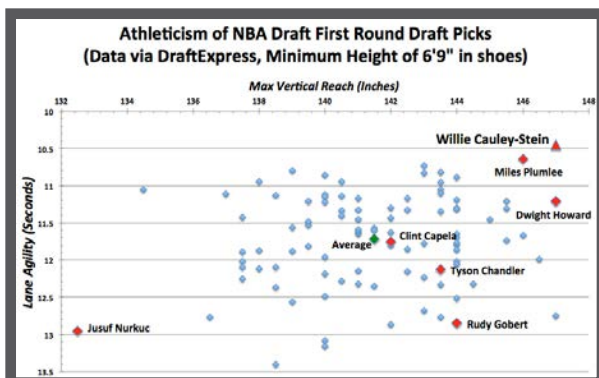
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CAULEY-STEIN IS ONE OF THE BEST DEFENSIVE PROSPECTS IN YEARS. (PUBLISHED ON SB NATION ON APRIL 3)

Willie Cauley-Stein is the king of the jungle for the ferocious Kentucky Wildcats because he has the speed to chase down fleeing prey and the size and length to devour them once they're within his grasp.

It looked like National Geographic when Cauley-Stein corralled Jerian Grant into a corner and forced the doomed gazelle into a desperate game-winning attempt. The shot missed and the Wildcats remained undefeated. It was an extraordinary play, but those who have watched Kentucky at all this season shouldn't have been shocked.

At 7'0 with a 7'2 wingspan, Cauley-Stein's basic measurements are impressive. But the numbers he logged this past year at the Kentucky Combine put him in unique territory.



No big man has ever recorded a quicker time in the lane agility drill, which assesses body control and change of direction ability. And with a 147-inch maximum vertical reach, few bigs even come close to Cauley-Stein's length.

But Cauley-Stein athleticism doesn't only shine in his practice shorts. John Calipari has used his bouncy big man as a defensive stopper by having him harass the opponent's best player, regardless of their position. The 21-year-old has the lateral quickness to defend at least three positions in the NBA, though he can defend all five in college while wearing a blindfold. Big men should not be able to stay with NBA-quality guards like Grant.

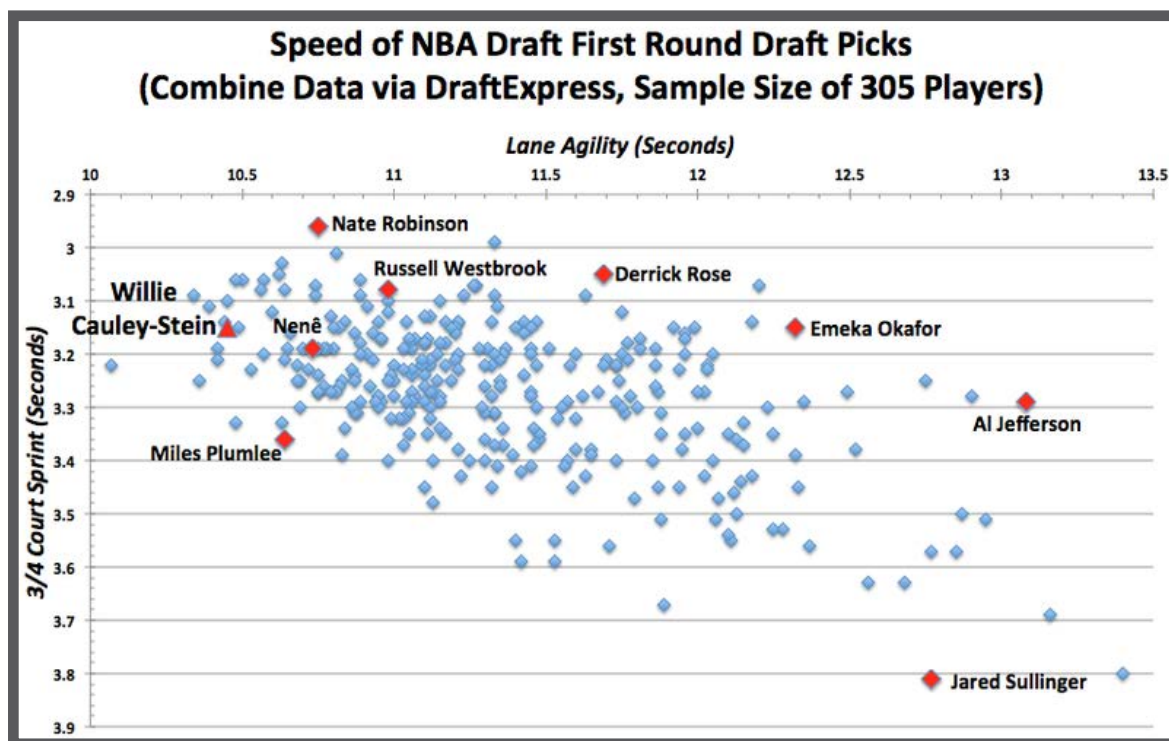
"I don't think many (players could've blocked that shot). I barely got it. Anthony Davis could've gotten it," Cauley-Stein said when asked about that block. "The step-back is probably one of the fastest step-backs I've guarded. (Grant's) good at it. He knows how to set you up just to get you just enough space. I'm fortunate I even got my fingertips on it."

Cauley-Stein almost got beat, but he morphed into a pogo stick and leaped into the shot's trajectory using his wingspan. It's unfathomable that Cauley-Stein

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got there and it could go down as the biggest play of his collegiate career ... at least until he does something equally as spectacular in the Final Four.

It's not out of the question for Cauley-Stein to actually defend all five positions in the NBA. Consider his measurements:



Very few players are as fast and laterally-quick as Cauley-Stein, much less big men. Only seven players have lane agility and sprint scores that combine for fewer seconds than him, and none of them measure over 6'4.

As more NBA teams switch pick and rolls and off-ball screens, many head coaches will feel comfortable allowing Cauley-Stein to defend the perimeter. Most big men get exposed if they're away from the paint. Cauley-Stein won't be, offering his NBA team unique versatility.

We've talked about his lateral quickness, but he can protect the rim too. If a team rotation is missed, he's swift enough to get to the other side of the court and long enough to block or at least deter the play. And he has even matured to the point where he resists the natural urge of a young shot blocker to leave his feet and commit fouls. These defensive attributes will all translate to the next level.

While it's true Cauley-Stein can't score in the low post or facilitate offense like his contemporaries, those draft prospects don't have near his ability on the defensive end. Scoring is sexy, but defense is also a necessity and Cauley-Stein brings that at the highest of levels.

Staying three years at Kentucky has allowed Cauley-Stein to become an intelligent and athletic rim protector that can also stay with guards. The lottery team that is fortunate enough to draft him will have a Defensive Player of the Year candidate for many years to come.



CHARLOTTE HORNETS

OVERALL THOUGHTS

The Hornets are at the crossroads. After showing progress during the 2013 season, they took a step back in 2014. Their main source of offense is Al Jefferson, but he is aging, and possibly a free agent to be if declines his player option. And despite his presence, their 97.6 offensive rating ranked 27th in the league. Assuming they re-sign Bismack Biyombo, they should be in good shape on defense, so finding another scorer is a significant priority.

THREE BEST FITS

- **Mario Hezonja, SG, Croatia**
Hezonja has potential to be a star scorer and his possible weaknesses on defense would be minimized in the system.
- **Devin Booker, SG, Kentucky**
This is a reach, but Booker fills their main need with his sharpshooting abilities.
- **Michael Frazier, SG, Florida**
If the Hornets decide to go with a “best player available” at #9, then maybe they should look for shooting at #39.

RECORD
33-49

OFF RTG DEF RTG
97.6 101.0

DRAFT PICKS
#9, #39



CHICAGO BULLS

OVERALL THOUGHTS

The Bulls have drafted wings each of the past two seasons, but don't rule it out this year. Fred Hoiberg is the new sheriff in town and will bring his fast-paced style of play to the team. It wouldn't hurt to add another three-point shooter to the roster.

But finding a Plan B behind Derrick Rose isn't a bad idea either. There are a few point guards that could handle a heavy load for them available at #22.

THREE BEST FITS

- **Justin Anderson, SF, Virginia**
Anderson would bring a defensive presence behind Jimmy Butler, but also the tenaciousness on defense.
- **Tyus Jones, PG, Duke**
Jones can shoot the lights out and knows how to run an offense. If Rose got hurt again, he could do a serviceable job.
- **Delon Wright, PG, Utah**
Wright could be a good fit in Hoiberg's offense because of his ability to drive.

RECORD
50-32

OFF RTG DEF RTG
104.7 101.5

DRAFT PICKS
#22

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

OVERALL THOUGHTS

The Cavaliers made it to the NBA Finals because of the depth on their team. Their role players were playing like superstars within their roles. Look for them to find more players that can excel in a clearly defined role off the bench. They need players who can complement LeBron James and Kyrie Irving, so it isn't necessary to swing for the fence. If they hit a double with this pick, they might drive in three runs anyway.

THREE BEST FITS

- **R.J. Hunter, SG, Georgia State**
Hunter is one of the best shooters in the draft class and could excel playing alongside penetrators like LBJ and Irving.
- **Rondae Hollis-Jefferson, SG, Arizona**
Adding a defensive-oriented “glue guy” to give David Blatt another weapon off the bench could make some sense.
- **Justin Anderson, SG, Virginia**
Anderson provides balance on both ends as a shooter and defensive player.

RECORD
53-29

OFF RTG DEF RTG
107.7 104.1

DRAFT PICKS
#24, #53



INDIANA PACERS

PICK

11TH

DRAFT PREDICTION

NAME
MYLES TURNER
BIG, TEXAS

EXPLANATION
The Pacers want to play faster and Turner can stretch the floor with his shot.

'GRADE A' MOCK

NAME
CAMERON PAYNE
GUARD, MURRAY STATE

EXPLANATION
Payne could turn out to be a very good replacement over Hill.



UTAH JAZZ

PICK

12TH

DRAFT PREDICTION

NAME
DEVIN BOOKER
WING, KENTUCKY

EXPLANATION
The Jazz are in need of a shooter and Booker is a very good fit.

'GRADE A' MOCK

NAME
TREY LYLES
FORWARD, KENTUCKY

EXPLANATION
Lyles could be use as a stretch four alongside Gobert once he develops.



PHOENIX SUNS

PICK

13TH

DRAFT PREDICTION

NAME
KELLY OUBRE
WING, KANSAS

EXPLANATION
Oubre has potential and could slowly develop playing behind their other talented wings.

'GRADE A' MOCK

NAME
STANLEY JOHNSON
WING, ARIZONA

EXPLANATION
Tucker isn't getting any younger and Johnson plays a similar two-way style.



OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER

PICK

14TH

DRAFT PREDICTION

NAME
CAMERON PAYNE
GUARD, MURRAY STATE

EXPLANATION
Payne could allow Westbrook to move off-ball, making for some creative lineups.

'GRADE A' MOCK

NAME
RONDAE HOLLIS-JEFFERSON
WING, ARIZONA

EXPLANATION
There aren't many players available that can help right away, but RHJ can be a stopper.



ATLANTA HAWKS

PICK

15TH

DRAFT PREDICTION

NAME
BOBBY PORTIS
BIG, ARKANSAS

EXPLANATION
Portis is simply the best player available for a team that already has it all.

'GRADE A' MOCK

NAME
BOBBY PORTIS
BIG, ARKANSAS

EXPLANATION
And if the Hawks somehow lose Millsap, Portis could fill a similar role for the team.